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VIRGINIA.

Hampden-Sidney College: At a meeting of the Board of Directors held last week it was announced that General Education Board had promised to give the college \$125,000 as soon as it raises \$225,000 to be added to its endowment fund. It was also stated that the Million Dollar Education Campaign now being conducted by the Synod of Virginia will assure the college of the amount it is required to raise. Plans were made for the enlargement and improvement of the college buildings that will cost about \$100,000. The prospects for next session are said to be very bright. It is expected that the enrollment of students will be larger than ever in the history of the college.

Danville: Mr. W. M. Kemper, now president of Palmer College in Florida, has been selected as principal of the Danville Military Academy, which was given to the Synod of Virginia at its last meeting. He is a Virginian and a graduate of Washington and Lee University. He expects to take charge of the institute in June.

Lexington Presbytery will meet April 18, 1922, at 11 A. M., at Timber Ridge church, Timber Ridge, Va. Wm. C. White, S. C.

Potomac Presbytery meets in the Church of the Pilgrims, Washington, D. C., April 18th next, at 8 P. M. Wm. H. Woods, S. C.

Norfolk Presbytery meets in the First church, Portsmouth, Va., April 11, 1922, at 8 P. M. R. B. Grinnan, S. C.

Petersburg, Tabb Street: At the suggestion of Rev. J. M. Alexander, the manager of the Progressive Program Campaign in East Hanover Presbytery, Mr. R. E. Magill, of the Grace-Covenant church, and Mr. Howard Gordon, of the First church, visited Tabb Street on Sunday morning, March 5th. Mr. Magill's address was heard with real pleasure, and will bear fruit in the Every-Member Canvass next Sunday. This exchange of visits with appeals from our leading laymen is mutually helpful. C. R. S.

Petersburg, Second: The session of this church has been enlarged by the election of three new members. Messrs. George E. Connor, Samuel D. Rodgers and Harold H. Wells. All three of these men are quite active in the work of the church. Mr. Connor is serving as superintendent of the Old Street Sunday school; Mr. Rodgers, a member of the present House of Delegates of Virginia, has for some months held the Sunday

morning service at Gregory Memorial chapel in Prince George county and the evening service at Old Street. Mr. Wells is quite active in the work among the young people of the church.

Farmville church continues to make progress. As a result the Walthall meetings in the latter part of November, and a recent revival in the Baptist church under Dr. J. J. Wicker, thirty-two members have been added to the church. On last Sunday Mr. Frank P. Wilson, field secretary of the United Society of Christian Endeavor for Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee, was with us morning and night, helping us in our efforts to organize a Christian Endeavor Society here, which we hope soon to accomplish. The plans for remodeling and improving our church building, which are to cost about \$20,000, are about completed, and the contract will soon be let, and we hope to begin the work when the spring weather opens up. Recently the Farmville congregation and community subscribed about \$20,000 for Hampden-Sidney College in the drive that was put on here for this purpose.

C. F. Rankin, Pastor.

Roanoke Presbytery will convene in stated meeting at First church, Danville, Va., April 11, 1922, 8 P. M.

F. M. Allen, S. C.

Brown's Church: On the fourth Sunday in February Better Church and Sunday School Day was celebrated in this church. Also the Day of Prayer for the boys and girls in our schools and colleges was observed. Several members of the congregation read articles, and the pastor, Rev. F. W. Osborn, preached a sermon on the necessity of training children in things religious while young.

ALABAMA.

Center Ridge: This is a church located in the village of Richmond (post-office address Minter). Recently this field was visited by Rev. H. M. Washburn, of our Congo Mission. His first address was delivered to the pupils in the public school, in which he used a stereopticon. In the afternoon he addressed a large audience in the Presbyterian church, in which he again used the stereopticon with most impressive effect. He told the people just what it is important for them to know about our work in heathendom. He deals in facts. On February 28th the ladies of the missionary societies of the Episcopal, Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian churches held a union meeting in the Presbyterian church. The subject was China. There was a large attendance, and proved to be a most interesting meeting. Such meetings will be held every three months. The Sabbath congregations composing the group to which Rev. W. R. Henderson, D. D., ministers, Center Ridge, Pleasant Hill, Good Hope and Pisgah, are very encouraging. The members of these churches are very responsive and appreciative, and in many ways have been exceedingly kind to the minister and his family.

APPALACHIA.

Asheville Presbytery will meet in regular spring session in the First church, Asheville, N. C., at 8 P. M., April 4, 1922.

W. S. Hutchinson, S. C.

Abingdon Presbytery: At a called meeting of Abingdon Presbytery held in Marion on Thursday, March 2, Rev. G. A. Wilson, Jr., was received from Lexington Presbytery and arrangements made for his installation as

pastor of the Royal Oak Presbyterian church, Marion, Va., on the 14th of May. Rev. G. A. Wilson, D. D., of Lexington, Va., father of the pastor-elect, will be invited to preside and preach the sermon; Rev. C. R. Lacy will charge the people, and Rev. F. J. Brooké, Jr., the pastor. This pastorate has begun under the most favorable circumstances; the people have a mind to work, and are carrying out a big program for congregational missions.

Dublin, Va.: The Dublin group of churches, composed of New Dublin, Dublin and Bell Spring, have called Mr. W. B. Gold, of the Senior class, Union Seminary, Richmond, and he has accepted to take charge of the field about the middle of May. He has been serving the churches for some months, going out from Richmond.

Rich Valley, Va.: Saltville and Chat-ham Hill churches have extended a unanimous call to Rev. J. E. Guthrie, Wyndale, Va., and he has the call under consideration.

Lewisport Presbytery League is the name of an organization recently formed by the Presbyterian men of Lee, Wise and Scott counties in Virginia, all of which are in Abingdon Presbytery. The object of the league is to meet the religious needs of those counties. Due to vast natural re-developed greatly from a business sources that section of country has standpoint, and the population has increased rapidly. Not much has been done for the spiritual welfare of the people, and this League aims to meet this need. The budget for the work of the League has been placed at \$7,500, and there is every prospect that this will be easily reached. The effort is now being made to increase its membership to at least 1,000. When this is done the League will be a powerful agency for spreading the gospel.

ARKANSAS.

Little Rock, Second: During the past few weeks seventeen new members have been received. A laymen's conference for Arkansas Presbytery was recently held in the Second church. Dr. J. R. Dobyns, of the First church, made an ideal presiding officer, and the talks were good. Recently Mrs. Robert H. H. Goheen, daughter of Dr. J. C. Ewing, of India, and herself a missionary to India for sixteen years, made two very interesting talks to our members.

FLORIDA.

Florida Presbytery will meet at Chipley, Fla., on Tuesday, April 11, 1922, at 7:30 P. M.

Daniel J. Currie, S. C.

DeFuniak Springs: On the last two Sundays in February the session had the pleasure of receiving twenty-six new members into the church. Of these seven were received on certificate, five on restatement of faith, and the remaining fourteen on profession of faith. Of these ten were parents and the rest were children from the Sabbath school. This gracious ingathering was greatly quickened by the special series of services held in our midst by Rev. Trigg A. M. Thomas, D. D., January 30th-February 15th inclusive. Before the end of the first week the large attendance made it necessary to move to the large Methodist church, which was kindly granted us by the kindness of the genial pastor and people of that congregation. A twenty-minutes day service for men was held in different places of business, and was attended by more men than we could possibly have gotten into a day service at church. Dr. Thomas is a plain,

pungent, powerful preacher of the gospel, and delivers his message with that courage which always commends itself to real men of conscience and conviction. His preaching made a profound impression on the whole community, and many prayers and good wishes will follow him in his work. Besides those received into the Presbyterian church, quite a goodly number of others made profession of faith and expressed their desire to unite with the Methodist and Baptist churches. Others are expected to join the Presbyterian church at an early date.

Daniel J. Currie, Pastor.

Orlando: On March 27th-April 3d we are to have Dr. James I. Vance, of the First church of Nashville, who will come to Orlando for a special series of Bible lectures. Dr. Vance is one of the greatest preachers in our Southland to-day, and Orlando will be wonderfully blessed by a visit from this great pulpit orator. This series of sermons will prepare our people in a special way for a deep spiritual communion as we approach the Eastertide. With the season already laden with the sweet aroma of the orange blossom, let nature teach us the prodigality of fragrant hearts and lives, deepening and enriching the reality of souls of which the lilies of Easter are the charming symbols. Let us all have a splendid share in the coming kingdom.

Sarasota: During the past winter season this church has had crowded congregations, and in its Sunday school work has so grown that larger quarters are a necessity. Its Sunday school now is more than 30 per cent. above the membership of the church. The membership has been increased by eleven new members enrolled since the new year. It was the hope and expectation of the congregation to build a new house of worship this spring and summer, but close times and money stringency compel a delay. In the meantime the Sunday school and Christian Endeavor are the chief sufferers.

KENTUCKY.

Louisville: The Annual Congregational Supper of the Highland Presbyterian Church was held on the evening of March 9th. Three hundred and twenty-five people were served, though the night was rainy and disagreeable. Good fellowship abounded as well as food. Reports were made of the past year's work, and the budget for the coming year was presented by the campaign manager, Mr. Thomas B. Talbot delighted the audience with one of his characteristic and helpful talks. A feature of the musical program was the singing of a Highland Church song, "There's a Church in the Highlands." The church is in a most flourishing condition with a loyal and faithful membership. The pastor, the Rev. P. H. Pleune, will be away during the last two weeks of March conducting an evangelistic meeting in Sweetwater, Tenn. During his absence Dr. J. M. Vander Meulen will conduct both the Sunday and the Wednesday night services.

Beattyville: On Friday evening, February 10th, a banquet was given by the Presbyterian church at Beattyville, Ky., to the members of the church, and a very delightful time was enjoyed. This was the first banquet ever given in this church. The attendance was very large, filling the basement, where the meal was served about 6:30. Mr. Thomas B. Talbot, Superintendent of Home Missions of the West Lexington Presbytery, presided, and addresses were given by Rev. W. B. Guerrant, of Highland;